



General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 27 January 2022

Day/Time: Thursday 3:00pm

Location: Online - WebEx

Committee Members Present:

Erin Clair, Jeff Woods, Tennille Lasker-Scott, David Ward, Amber Harrington, Wan Wei, Randall Colvin, Jennifer Enderlin, Ernest Enchelmayer, Leslie Bain, Christine Austin (ex officio)

I. Opening

- A. **Call to order**
- B. **Approval of minutes November 2021** (attached):

Achieved Minutes: <https://www.atu.edu/generaleducation/committee.php>

Motion: Woods

Second: Austin

Vote: Approved

II. Updates

- **Chair** (Erin Clair)
 - Current Assessment Cycle:
 - Assessment Scoring This Semester:
 - Arts & Humanities (full)
 - Critical Thinking (beta)
 - Artifact Collection This Semester:
 - Critical Thinking (full)
 - Ethical Perspectives (beta)
 - Assessment information: <https://www.atu.edu/generaleducation/assessment.php>

Next round of reviewing and scoring assignments for gen ed assessment from last semester coming up. Department heads and others recruited to help. Amber Harrington said science considering module for students to do to text analytical reasoning. We considering whether Beta on critical thinking large enough from last semester. Gen Ed web pages on assessment were made more robust after conversations with departments. Erin added what is coming up and directions on how to enter information for faculty. FAQ added as well on how to submit assignments.

- **Sub-Committees:**
 - **Program Review:** (Chair: Jeff Woods)
 - Timeline Update
 - Dean/Dept Feedback
 - Semester Goals

The subcommittee decided to push back the due date for dean/department head/faculty answers to assessment questions and process for offering a seamless transfer from other Gen Ed programs. The new due date is February 15. The subcommittee is still optimistic about getting a version of the proposed program to Faculty Senate and Academic Affairs during the spring 2022 semester. New schedule updated on web site.

- **Assessment:** (Chair: Christine Austin)
 - AH Assessment Scoring Feb. 17, 3:00pm
 - Critical Thinking Beta Scoring
 - AH Goal Report: faculty response plan due by end of the semester

Need ongoing assessment even though changing. Needed for HLC etc. Next round of scoring is on Feb 17th. We need to encourage areas feeding critical thinking etc. to get together, look at data, and work toward common improvement. Need to look at AH artifacts and how they can be used for rubrics. Need discussion on fitting assignment artifacts to goal being evaluated.

- **Civic Engagement** (Chair: TBD)
 - Semester goal: meet/talk with faculty who are scheduled to do the Goal 6: Civic Engagement assessment during Fall 2022 to see if any changes need to be made to the rubric.
 - Location of rubric and directions for the assessment process:
<https://www.atu.edu/generaleducation/assessment.php>
 - Faculty involved: any who teach POLS 2003: American Government

Preparing for assessment and working with faculty. Working with American Government on civic engagement assessment. Only 3 professors. Need for other classes. Randy Colvin is filling in for Sandy Smith in chairing subcommittee while Sandy is on sabbatical.

- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** (Chair: Tennille Lasker-Scott)
 - Semester goal: meet/talk with faculty who are beta testing the three ethical perspectives rubrics this semester (diversity, empathy, leadership) to see if any updates need to be made before next semester's full assessment
 - Location of rubrics and directions for the assessment process:
<https://www.atu.edu/generaleducation/assessment.php>
 - Faculty involved: any who teach the following courses:

Develop Ethical Perspectives: Diversity
HIST 1503: World History to 1500
HIST 1513: World History since 1500
HIST 1543 Honors World History to 1500
PHIL 2003: Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 2043: Honors Introduction to Philosophy
GEOG 2013: Regional Geography of the World
ANTH 1213: Introduction to Anthropology
ANTH 2003: Cultural Anthropology
PSY 2003: General Psychology
SOC 1003: Introductory Sociology

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Develop Ethical Perspectives: Leadership
PHIL 2003: Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 2043: Honors Introduction to Philosophy
COMM 2173: Business and Professional Speaking
LEAD 1003: Introduction to Leadership

Preparing for assessment and working with faculty as well. Working with several classes and areas on assessment and scoring.

Old Business

- ACT 1038: Personal finance and macroeconomics course: feedback from Tracy Cole, Assoc. Dean of Business
 - Legislation: <https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Bills/Detail?id=SB694&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R>
 - Issue: does the Gen Ed course FIN 2013: Personal Finance fulfill this legislation?

Asynchronous module put together by the University presidents. Lays outside of curriculum so not in our purview.

New Business

- Open forum

Agriculture courses did not respond on assessment questions regarding addition to general education. Erin will reconnect with the new department head to follow up.
Jeff Bright will be VPAA addition to the committee.

Closing

Motion: Jennifer Enderlin
Second: Jeff Woods

FUTURE MEETINGS:

February 24, 2022, 3:00pm

March 31, 2022, 3:00pm

April 28, 2022, 3:00pm
